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FOR BETTER
Regulating the P O O R,
WITHIN THE
CITY OF OXFORD.

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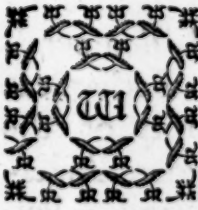




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For better regulating the POOR
within the City of OXFORD.

 **W** H E R E A S the Poor in the Preamble.
City of *Oxford* are very numerous, and are maintained and supported at a great Expence by their respective Parishes and Places : And whereas the granting of proper Powers for the better Government and Regulation of the Poor of the said City, and providing a Place for their general Reception will tend to the more effectual Assistance and Relief of such as by Age, Infirmities, or Diseases, are rendered incapable of supporting themselves

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by their Labour, to the better Employment of the Able and Industrious, to the Correction and Punishment of the Profligate and Idle, and to the Education of Poor Children in Religion and Industry; and thereby the Poor, instead of being wholly supported by the Public, may contribute to the Support, Assistance, and Relief, mutually of each other, and be of some Advantage to the Community, to which they have hitherto been only a heavy and grievous Burthen :

May it therefore please your MAJESTY,

That it may be *Enacted; And be it Enacted*, by the KING's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Assistants, Town Clerk, and Solicitor of the said City, for the Time being, and also such charitable Persons who shall from Time to Time be elected under the Powers herein contained, and also the [re-
Guardians spective Numbers following, of the Inhabitants of the said City, to be elected in Manner herein after directed, that is to say, for the Parish of *All Saints*, Three ;
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St. Aldate's, Four; *St. Ebbe*, Two; *Holywell*, Three; *St. Martin's*, Three; *St. Mary Magdalen*, Four; *St. Mary the Virgin*, Three; *St. Michael's*, Three; *St. Peter le Bailey*, Two; *St. Peter in the East*, Three; and the Parish of *St. Thomas*, Four; all resident within the said Parishes, or so many of such Inhabitants, who shall from Time to Time be so elected, shall be and are hereby declared to be incorporated by the Name of the Guardians of the Poor within the City of *Oxford*; and shall for ever in Name and Fact be one Body Politic and Corporate in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, and shall have a perpetual Succession, and a Common Seal, and shall be and be called Guardians of the Poor within the City of *Oxford*; and shall be enabled to sue and plead, and be sued by that Name in all Courts and Places of Judicature within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; and by that Name shall and may without Licence in Mortmain, purchase, take, or receive, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the Gift, Alienation, or Demise, of any Person or Persons, for any Estate or Interest whatsoever, and who are hereby enabled to convey or devise the same, and to give or bequeath any Money, Goods, and Chattels whatsoever, for the Use and Benefit of the Corporation aforesaid; and by that Name the said Corporation

tion may and are hereby impowered to convey, assign, release, transfer, or dispose of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Money, Goods, or Chattels for the Benefit and Use of the said Corporation, as there shall be occasion: And the said Guardians shall have, and are hereby declared to have Power and Authority, from Time to Time, at any Special Court or Assembly, to be held in Pursuance of this

Bye Laws. Act, to make and ordain such Bye-Laws, Rules, and Ordinances, and also to vary, alter, change, or repeal the same or any Part thereof, for the better governing such Corporation, and the Poor which shall be

Carrying
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under their Care, and for carrying on any Trade, Business, or Manufacture that shall be set on foot by such Corporation, for the Employment of the said Poor, and other the Ends and Purposes of this Act, as by the major Part of the Guardians present at such Court or Assembly shall be thought

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to be en-
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proper; which said Bye-Laws, Rules, and Ordinances so made, ordained, varied, altered, or changed, shall, at each such Court, be fairly entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, which shall be called *The Book of Statutes*; and all such Bye-Laws, Rules, and Ordinances when entered as aforesaid, shall be subscribed by the Guardians, or the major Part of them present; and all such Bye-Laws, Rules,
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and Ordinances, shall, until repealed, varied, or altered by some succeeding Special Court, be binding to all Parties hereby intended to be affected by the same.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That on the First *Sunday* after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One, immediately after Divine Service in the Forenoon or Afternoon; and so in like Manner on every *Sunday* next following the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* in every Year for ever, or on some other Day, within Ten Days next after every such Twenty-fourth Day of *June*; the Parishioners of the said respective Parishes herein before named, or any Seven or more of them (who shall by Law have Power to vote in Vestry) shall and may meet in the Vestry Room in and belonging to each of the said Parish Churches, or in some Part of each such Church, and elect so many of the Inhabitants of the said City, qualified as herein after is mentioned, to represent each such Parish, and to act as Guardians of the Poor of the said City, who shall severally continue in, and execute such Office, until others shall be chosen in their Places; and in Case any of the said Guardians, to be elected as aforesaid, shall die or refuse to act, some other such Inhabitant or Inhabi-

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tants of the said City, so qualified as aforesaid, shall be elected in his or their Stead, within Ten Days after the Death or Refusal to act of each such former Guardian, by such the Parishioners of the proper Parish, not being less than Three, who shall and hereby have Power to meet together in Vestry for such Purpose: And all such Vestries shall be called and held at and within the respective Times aforesaid, for and in respect of the said several Parishes: And the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of each and every such Parish shall, and are hereby required to call and hold the same with the Parishioners who shall be there assembled, and to cause previous Notice of each such Vestry to be given in their respective Parish Church, on *Sunday* after Service, at least One Week before such intended Meeting, to the Intent the Parishioners may and shall attend every such Vestry: And in Case any such Churchwardens or Overseers shall neglect or refuse to call and hold, and to give such previous Notice of every Vestry directed to be held and called as aforesaid, or to attend the same themselves, unless prevented by Illness or any extraordinary Occasion, to be allowed of by the Majority of Persons present, every such Churchwarden or Overseer, shall for every such Neglect or Refusal, forfeit and pay out of their own Estate,
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the Sum of Five Pounds, for the Use of the said Corporation, within Twenty Days after each such Forfeiture shall be incurred ; and in Case at the holding of any such Vestries as aforesaid, so many of the Parishioners shall not attend there as before directed, besides the said Churchwardens or Overseers, or any Two or more of them ; then, and in every such Case, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or any Two or more of them, together with so many of such Parishioners as shall attend, or for Want of any such Parishioners, then the said Churchwardens and Overseers alone, or the Majority of them then present, shall and may, and they are hereby impowered, in every such Case, to nominate, elect, and chuse so many Inhabitants of the said City, to represent the same Parish as Guardians, as shall be then wanting to be chosen, as fully and effectually as if all the Churchwardens and Overseers, and so many of the Parishioners of the same Parish as are before directed to compose each such Vestry, had then and there attended, and been present.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That no Person shall be capable of being elected, or of acting as a Guardian under this Act, unless he shall then rent an Estate of the yearly Rent or Value of Ten Pounds

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Pounds or upwards, or be intituled to an Estate in the said City of the yearly Value of Ten Pounds or upwards, for which he shall pay or allow Taxes for the Time being, towards the Relief of the Poor, in his own Right.

First Meet-
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Guardians

And be it further Enacted, That the said Guardians, so elected as aforesaid, or any Thirteen or more of them, shall meet on the Second *Monday* in *July*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One, or within Six Days next following, in the Council Chamber, or in some other convenient Place in the said City; and being so assembled, shall proceed to the Execution of this Act, and elect and constitute out of and from among themselves, the said Guardians, the several Officers to act in and as Part of the said Corporation, as follows; that is to say, One Governor, Two or more Deputy Governors, One or more Treasurer or Treasurers, and One or more Auditor or Auditors, and such other Officers by such Name or Names, to continue in such respective Offices from thenceforth for One Year, and from the End of such One Year, so often as the Case shall require, until other such like Officers are chosen, as hereafter directed; and from and after such first Election of such several Officers, the said Guardians, or any Thirteen or more of them,

to elect
Officers.

them, shall, and hereby have full Power
 to assemble in the House of Industry for the
 Time being, and there to elect and consti-
 tute out of and from amongst the whole
 Number of the said Corporation for the
 Time being, on the Second *Monday* in *July* Annual
 in every Year for ever, or within Six Days Governors
 next after every such Second *Monday* in *July*, to be
 one Governor, and such Deputy Governors chosen.
 and other Officers as are before named, to
 continue in their respective Offices for one
 Year, or until others shall be chosen within
 the Time, and according to the Directions
 aforesaid; and the said Guardians, or any
 Thirteen or more of them, shall and are
 hereby impowered in case of the Death of
 any such Officer or Officers so chosen, be-
 fore the Expiration of his or their said Of-
 fice, within thirty Days next afterwards, to
 meet in the House of Industry for the Time
 being, and elect such other or others of the
 said Corporation, in the Place of him or
 them so dying, to hold the said Office re-
 spectively, for the Remainder of the Term
 such deceased Officer would have held the
 same; and the said Guardians or any Thir-
 teen or more of them, are hereby autho-
 rized, for just Cause, at any Special or
 Monthly Court or Courts to remove and
 displace any of the aforesaid Officers out of
 their Office, and thereupon to elect and
 constitute from amongst themselves, a fit
 Person

Person to supply the Office for the Time each such removed Person would have continued therein, in case he had not been removed.

Guardians
to take an
Oath.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That the said Guardians, before they shall take upon themselves the Execution of any of the Powers or Authorities hereby given (other than the administering the Oath following to one another) shall severally take the following Oath; that is to say,

I A. B. *will, without Favour or Affection, Hatred or Malice, truly and impartially, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, execute and perform all and every the Trusts, Powers, and Authorities, as a Guardian, (and also of the Office of as the Case shall be) appointed in pursuance of an Act, passed in the eleventh Year of King George the Third, for better regulating the Poor within the City of Oxford.*

So help me G O D.

Which Oath the said Guardians, or Members of the said Corporation, or any one or more of them, is and are hereby required and empowered to administer, at their first Meeting or Court, or at any subsequent Meeting or Court, to be from Time to Time had and held in pursuance of this Act.

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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person, who from and after the said Second *Monday* in *July*, shall be duly qualified, elected and constituted into the Trust or Office of a Guardian, Governor, Deputy Governor, Treasurer, Auditor, or of any other nominal Office of and belonging to the said Corporation, by virtue of and according to the Tenor of this Act, and shall after Ten Days Notice thereof in Writing, signed by the Governor, or any one Deputy Governor, or any Three Guardians for the Time being, of the said Corporation, given to him, or left at his own House or Place of Abode, wilfully and obstinately, and without reasonable Cause to be by him shewn, and to be approved of by the said Corporation, or the Majority thereof present at their next Court, to be held in pursuance of this Act, after the Expiration of such Ten Days, refuse or neglect to accept of, and to take upon him such Trust or Office; or in case of accepting the same, shall refuse or neglect to act therein, from Time to Time, for and during the Term mentioned for that Purpose in this present Act, and as the Duty of such Trust and Office may require, shall respectively forfeit and pay to the Use of the said Corporation, the Sums of Money following; that is to say, each such Person to be duly elected Governor of the said Corporation,

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the Sum of Twenty Pounds; each such Person to be duly elected Deputy Governor thereof, the Sum of Fifteen Pounds; each such Person to be duly elected Treasurer, thereof, the Sum of Twelve Pounds and Ten Shillings; each such Person to be duly elected Auditor, or any other nominal Officer, from amongst the said Guardians, the Sum of twelve Pounds and ten Shillings; and each such Person hereby, or to be duly appointed or elected a Guardian of the said Corporation for the Time being, the Sum of Five Pounds; and in Case of any such Refusal or Neglect to accept any such Trust or Office as aforesaid, some other qualified and fit Person or Persons shall, with all convenient Speed, be duly and according to the Directions of this Act elected and constituted, as in the first Instance, in the Stead of him or them so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid.

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and acting.

Provided always, and be it further En-acted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person, who shall be elected or constituted as aforesaid, a Guardian, Governor, Deputy Governor, Treasurer, Auditor, or any other nominal Officer of the said Corporation, and shall take upon him the said Trust or Office, and shall act therein, from Time to Time, for and during the Time herein expressed for that Purpose, and as the Duty of such

such Trust or Office may require, shall upon any Re-election of him within the Space of Five Years next after the End of such Time he was elected, and so acted, be thereupon compellable to take upon him, or to act in the said re-elected Trust or Offices, or any of them, without his own free Consent, or be liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture whatsoever, for refusing or neglecting so to do: And that no Person of the Age of Sixty Years and upwards, shall be compellable to take upon him, or to act in any of the Trusts or Offices aforesaid.

No Person shall be compellable to serve if he is Sixty Years of Age.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Guardians for the Time being, or any Five or more of them, shall have Power, and are hereby enjoined and required, from Time to Time, from and after the End of Ten Days immediately following the said Second *Monday* in *July*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, to meet and to hold a Court or Assembly of the said Corporation, in the Council Chamber, or some other convenient Place, 'till a proper Workhouse or House of Industry is provided, and then in the said House of Industry for the Time being, on *Thursday* in every Week for ever, between the Hours of Three and Seven in the Afternoon; and that the said Guardians for the Time being, or any Nine or more

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of them, whereof the Governor, or one Deputy Governor shall be one, shall and are hereby required, from and after the said Second *Monday* in *July*, to hold a special Court or Assembly in the said Council Chamber, or in such House of Industry, to be called a General Board, on the First *Thursday* in every following Month for ever, between the same Hours as are before appointed for the holding of each Weekly Court: And also the Governor for the Time being, or all the Deputy Governors, or any Two or more of them, without the said Governor for the Time being, shall and hereby hath and have Power and Authority, at any such Time or Times as to him or them shall seem meet, to summon, assemble, and hold any other special Court or Assembly of the said Corporation, to consist of Nine of the Members thereof at least, upon Two Days Notice exclusive being given, under the Hand or Hands of such Governor or Deputy Governor so calling the same, to the said several Guardians for the Time being, or left at each of their Places of Abode in the said City of *Oxford*, expressing the Time of holding such Court or Assembly: And in Case any Thirteen of the said Guardians for the Time being, upon any Emergency, shall signify it under their Hands to the said Governor, or in his Absence from the said City of *Oxford*, to the

the said Deputy Governors, or any two of them, for the Time being, that it is their Desire that an Extraordinary Court or Assembly of the said Corporation may be called and held, which shall always consist of Twenty-one of the said Guardians at least, the said Governor, or in such his Absence, the said Deputy Governors, or any Two of them shall, and are hereby enjoined and required, to summon, call, and hold such Court or Assembly at such Time as the said Thirteen Guardians shall so desire; and on Refusal or Neglect of the said Governor, after any such Request to him, the said Deputy Governors for the Time being, or one of them, on receiving such Signification from any Thirteen of the said Guardians, shall be bound and are, and is hereby likewise enjoined and required, to summon, call, and hold any such special Court or Assembly, at such other Time as the same Thirteen Guardians shall then require; and on the Neglect or Refusal of such Deputy Governor, and of such Deputy Governors, then Thirteen of the said Guardians shall and hereby have Power under their Hands to summon, assemble, and hold any such Court or Assembly, at such Time, within Seven Days next following such Refusal or Neglect of the said Deputy Governor or Deputy Governors, as they shall appoint; at all which said last mentioned

Courts or Assemblies, after such Summons, all and every the Member and Members of the said Corporation for the Time being are hereby enjoined to appear and be present: And that the said Governor, or in Case of his Absence or Refusal any one Deputy Governor, and in Case of all their Absence or Refusal, any Two Justices of the said City shall, and hereby have Power, when and so often as he and they shall think proper, by Summons under his or their Hands, to require all or any of the said Guardians to appear and attend any of the said weekly, monthly, or other Courts or Assemblies; and that all and every the Members of the said Corporation who shall appear and be present at any of the said Courts (whether by any Summons or not) shall not depart from the same without the Permission of the major Part of the same Court or Assembly; and in Case any of such Members after he or they shall have been summoned to attend any of the several Courts as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to appear and attend accordingly, or any of the said Members so appearing at any of the said Courts whether by such Summons or not, shall quit the said Court without such Permission thereof as aforesaid, every such Member shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay such reasonable Sum and Sums of Money not exceeding

Not to depart without Leave.

ing Five Shillings, nor under Two Shillings, ^{Penalty.} to the Use of the said Corporation, as by the same Court or Assembly, or any succeeding Court or Assembly shall be ordered and directed, unless each such Person having so offended shall shew some just and reasonable Excuse, to be allowed of by any such Court or Assembly: And the said Governor, or in his Absence, or on his Refusal any Deputy Governor, at or before the holding of any the said Courts, and for Want of any such Governor or Deputy Governor, or on his or their Refusal, the major Part of the said Guardians being assembled to such Number, and composing any of the said Courts as aforesaid, shall have, and are hereby severally impowered by Summons under his or their Hands respectively, to require any Person or Persons whatsoever within the said City to appear before any such Court, then and there to answer on Oath (which Oath, any of the Members at any such Court, have hereby Power to administer) any Matters or Things relating to the said Corporation; and every such Person, so summoned, is hereby required to appear and answer accordingly, on Pain of each such Person offending, forfeiting and paying for each Offence, to the Use of the said Corporation, such Sum as the same, or any future Court shall order, not exceeding Five Shillings, nor under

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Penalty on Persons summoned not attending. Two Shillings; unless such Person shall at the same, or next following Court, shew good Cause to such Court, and to be there allowed of to the contrary.

Who shall preside at Courts. *Provided always, and be it further Enacted,* by the Authority aforesaid, That at all such weekly, monthly, or other Courts, the Governor, if present, or in his Absence any one Deputy Governor present, who shall be then named by the Majority of Guardians present at such Court, if more Deputy Governors than one shall attend; or for want of the Governor, or any of the Deputy Governors being present at any such Court, then any one of the Guardians who shall be appointed by the Majority of the Guardians present at any such Court, shall preside at each such Court, and take the Chair as President of such Court: And in Case of an Equality of Voices on any Transaction at any such Court, including the Voice of the President, the President or the Person so presiding, shall have another and the casting Voice.

Guardians may purchase Ground, &c. for a House of Industry. *And it is hereby further Enacted,* by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Guardians shall and hereby have full Power and Authority, at or by the Order of any the said Monthly or Special Courts or Assemblies, to contract and agree for, and by and out of the Money to be raised as hereafter mentioned,

mentioned, to purchase or hire for any Term of Years, or to purchase for ever, any House or Houses, and to fit up and repair the same; or to purchase any Ground, and to erect and build thereon any House or Houses, Building or Buildings whatsoever, within the said City of *Oxford* or Suburbs thereof, as and for a Work House, or House of Industry; and to assign and fix on any Building, Room, or Apartment, for a Place of Correction: And it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations, Aggregate or sole, Guardians, Trustees, and Committees, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on the Behalf of heir Infant Wards, Cestuique Trusts, Lunaticks, Ideots, or Persons of unsound Memory and Understanding, and to and for all Females-Covert, who are or shall be seized or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be possessed of or interested in any such House or Houses, Land or Ground, to contract with the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, for the letting or Sale of such House or Houses, Land or Ground, for the Purposes aforesaid; and all Contracts, Lettings, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be so made, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, any Law, Statute, Usage, or other Matter whatsoever to the

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contrary notwithstanding: And all such Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations, Aggregate or sole, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, and all other Persons, shall be and are hereby indemnified for what they shall do by Virtue of this Act.

If Parties
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And be it further Enacted, That if any such Corporation or Person, upon Notice to him, her, or them given, or left in Writing, at the Dwelling House or Place of Abode of such Person, or of the Head Officer of such Corporation, or at the House of the Tenant in Possession of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments aforesaid, shall by the Space of Thirty Days after such Notice given or left as aforesaid, neglect or refuse to treat, or shall not agree in the Premises, or by Reason of Absence shall be prevented from treating, then, and in every or any such Case, the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall cause to be enquired into, ascertained, and assessed (by and upon the Oaths of a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the City of *Oxford*, or Suburbs thereof, which Oath any five or more of the Guardians are hereby impowered to administer) what Damages will be sustained by, and what Recompence shall be made to such Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, or other Persons interested therein; and in order thereto, the said Guardians, or any five or more of them,
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are hereby impowered from Time to Time, as Occasion shall be, to summon before the said Jury, and examine upon Oath, any Person whomsoever, as a Witness concerning the Premises (which Oath any Five or more of the said Guardians are hereby impowered to administer :) And they shall also order and cause the said Jury to view the said Places in Question if there be Occasion, and use all lawful Ways and Means as well for their own, as for the said Jury's Information in the Premises, as they the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them shall think fit; and after the said Jury shall have enquired of, ascertained, and assessed, such Damage and Recompence, they the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them shall thereupon order, adjudge, and determine the said Sum or Sums of Money, so assessed by the said Jury, to be paid to the said Owners, Proprietors, or Occupiers of, or other Persons interested in, the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, according to such Verdict or Inquisition of the said Jury; which said Verdict or Inquisition, and Judgment, Order, or Determination, so had or made, shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes, against all Parties and Persons whatsoever, claiming in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or otherwise, their Heirs

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a Jury,

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and Successors, as well absent as present, Infants, Females-covert, Ideots, Lunatics, cestuique Trusts, and Persons under any other Disability whatsoever, Corporations, aggregate or sole, ecclesiastical, civil, or eleemosynary, as well as all other Person or Persons whomsoever; and all and every such Owners, Proprietors, and Occupiers, and all and every Person and Persons interested in such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, shall upon Payment or Tender of the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed as aforesaid, be thereby and from thenceforth to all Intents and Purposes, divested of all Right, Title, Claim, Interest, and Property, of, in, to, or out of the same: And for the summoning and returning such Jury or Juries, the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them are hereby impowered to issue out their Warrant, to the Bailiffs of the City of *Oxford*, thereby commanding them to impanel, summon, and return Twenty-four indifferent Persons to appear before the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, at such Time and Place as in such Warrant shall be appointed; and the said Bailiffs, their Deputy or Deputies, is, and are hereby required to impanel, summon, and return such Number accordingly, and out of the Persons so impanelled, summoned, and returned, or out of such of them as shall appear upon such Summons, the said

said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall swear, or cause to be sworn, Twelve, to be drawn by Ballot out of the said Twenty-four; and in Default of a sufficient Number of Persons so empanelled, the said Bailiffs, or their Deputy or Deputies, shall return other honest and indifferent Men of the Standers by, or that can speedily be procured to attend that Service, who shall be sworn in like Manner, till the Number of Twelve be compleated; which Twelve shall be the Jury for the Purposes aforesaid; and all Persons concerned shall have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen when they come to be sworn; and the said Guardians, or any five or more of them, acting in the Premisses, shall have full Power from Time to Time, to impose any reasonable Fine or Fines on such Bailiffs, or their Deputy or Deputies, or Agents, making Default in the Premisses; and on any of the Persons who shall be summoned and returned on such Jury, and shall not appear, or who shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury, or being so sworn shall refuse to give, or not give their Verdict, or in any other Manner wilfully neglect their Duty therein, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and on any of the Persons, who being required to give Evidence before the said Jury, touching the Premisses, shall refuse or neglect to appear;

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appear; or appearing, shall refuse to be sworn and give Evidence; and from Time to Time to recover, levy, and apply, such Fine or Fines, in the same Manner as any other Forfeiture or Penalty is, by this Act, directed to be recovered, levied, and applied, so as that no such Fine shall exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds upon any one Person for one Offence.

And be it further Enacted, That in case any such Jury shall give in, and deliver a Verdict or Assessment for more Monies, as a Recompence for the Right, Interest, or Property, of any Person or Persons in any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, or for any such Loss or Damage, than what shall have been agreed to and offered by the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, before the summoning or returning the said Jury, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for any such Right, Interest, or Property, or Loss or Damage as aforesaid, that then, and in such Case, the Costs and Expences of summoning and maintaining the said Jury and Witnesses, shall be borne and paid by the said Guardians, out of the Rates or Assessment hereby granted, or out of any Money to be borrowed upon the Credit thereof; but if any such Jury shall give and deliver a Verdict or Assessment, for no more, or for less Monies than

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than shall have been agreed to, and offered by the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, before the summoning and returning the said Jury, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for any such Right, Interest, or Property in, or Loss, or Damage as aforesaid, that then the Costs and Expences of summoning and maintaining the said Jury and Witnesses shall be borne and paid by the Person or Persons with whom the said Guardians shall have such Controversy or Dispute; which Costs shall and may be deducted and retained by the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, out of the Monies so assessed by the said Jury, as the Value of the said Premises.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, at or by the Order of any of the same Courts, or at or by the Order of any of the said Weekly Courts, to purchase and provide such Goods, Cattle, Chattles, Provisions, Cloathing, Utensils, and Materials whatsoever, by and out of the Money to be raised as hereafter mentioned, as shall by any of such respective Courts be thought proper for the effectual setting to Work, receiving, employing, maintaining, and cloathing of the Poor, under the Care and Power of the said Guardians, of what Sex, Age,

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Disorderly
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of Industry

Age, or Condition soever they be: And that the said Guardians shall have, and are hereby empowered to have, the Care and Power over, and shall provide for the Maintenance and Employ, and other Management, according to this Act, of all the Poor of the several Parishes and Places in the said City of *Oxford*, wanting or seeking Relief; and of such other Poor who shall be taken and received into the said House of Industry, or under the Care of the said Guardians, pursuant to any Power hereby given (except such Poor of the said several Parishes who shall be otherwise sufficiently provided for by the charitable Gifts of others, or in private Hospitals or Alms Houses within the said City): And the said Corporation shall and hereby have Power and Authority to receive, and to order and compel all and every idle and disorderly Person, who by reason of their idle and disorderly living, shall neglect or refuse to maintain, or shall leave or threaten to leave and desert their Families, not being afterwards able to maintain themselves; and also all other People who shall beg, seek, or want Relief for the Time being, and who shall belong to, and ought according to this Act, or by any Law in Force, to be relieved and provided for by any of the said several Parishes or Places within the said City of *Oxford*, to come into, work, dwell, and inhabit in the said House

House of Industry, hereby vested in, or any other such House as shall belong to the said Corporation for the Time being, by Virtue of this Act; and to detain, keep, maintain, and employ all such respective poor Persons therein, so long as it shall not appear to the said Guardians on the Part of any such poor Persons, that any of them respectively are of Ability, or can otherwise be sufficiently maintained and provided for without the Aid and Provision of the said Corporation; and to employ, set, and compel all such Poor who shall be so received, ^{and be set to Work.} or come in to dwell, and be in the said House of Industry during such their Abode and Residence there, and whilst maintained by the said Corporation as aforesaid, to do, execute, and perform such Work, Labour, Business, and Employ, as the said Guardians or any five or more of them shall think and judge such respective Poor are and shall be able and fit to do and perform, for the Use of the said Corporation, and to detain and keep all such idle and disorderly Persons who shall have so deserted, threatened to leave, neglected, or refused to maintain his or their Families, and to set each of them to work in such House of Industry during such Time, and until each such Person by his or her Work and Labour there, shall have got and raised so much Money above their Maintenance as shall be sufficient to repay

repay and reimburse to the said Corporation, the Charges and Expences they shall have sustained in the maintaining and providing for every such idle or disorderly Person, and his or her Family : And in case any such idle or disorderly Person shall not by his or her Work and Labour, be able to get so much Money as shall be sufficient to reimburse the said Corporation the Charges and Expences of having maintained him or her, or any of his or her Family as aforesaid ; then and so often as the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall and hereby have Power to detain and keep such idle and disorderly Person within their House of Correction to such hard Labour as he or she can undergo, for the Space of Thirty Days ; and there to cause him or her to be whipped during such Thirty Days, so often, not exceeding Three Times, as the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall think proper.

Guardians, &c.
not to be
concerned
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tracts,

nor supply
the House
with Pro-
visions, &c.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Governor, Guardian, Treasurer, or other Officer under this Act, during such Time as he shall be concerned in any beneficial Contract, made by Virtue of this Act : Nor shall any Governor, Deputy Governor, Guardian, Treasurer, or other Officer, under this Act, provide, furnish,

nish, or supply, for his own Profit, any Goods, Materials, or Provisions, for the Use of the said House of Industry, or otherwise, on Account of the Poor to be provided for under this Act.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore said, That for the better providing for, and discovering all such Poor, in, and belonging to the said several Parishes, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Person or Persons to be appointed by them, at any of their said Courts, taking a Constable of the said City, or of the Parish where the Search is intended to be made, to enter any House or other Building in the said City, where any such Poor shall dwell, or be known to lodge or be, and to examine, search, and see what of such poor Persons there are come into, inhabiting or residing within any of the said several Parishes within the said City of *Oxford*, who shall want, have begged, or shall seek Relief, and ought to be relieved by any of the said several Parishes for the Time being; and upon any of such poor Person or Persons refusing, on such Examination, to come into the said House of Industry, and to accept and conform to the Provision and Rules of the said Corporation; then, by Order of any of the said Courts, or by such Ways and Means as the

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the said Guardians in any Court shall judge most reasonable and proper, to remove and convey, and cause to be removed and conveyed, every such poor Person so refusing, into the said House of Industry, to be there employed and maintained, pursuant to the Powers hereby given: And also, that the said Guardians shall, and hereby have Power and Authority, by Order of any of their said Courts, or by such other Means as to them in any Court shall appear most proper, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, all Rogues, Beggars, Vagrants, or idle or disorderly Persons, coming, or being, or wandering, or begging within the said City, or the Liberties thereof, and not having any lawful Employment, or reasonable Means of getting his or her Livelihood, and to cause every such Person to be brought into, and to be set and kept at Work in the said House of Industry, or otherwise to be employed under the Direction and for the Use of the said Corporation, and subject to such corporal or other Punishment as the other Poor therein are hereby made subject to for Misbehaviour or otherwise, according to the Government of such Corporation, or to be kept to hard Labour and whipped in the Place of Correction belonging to the said Corporation, as the Law directs in the Case of Vagrants, as the said Guardians in any Court shall direct; and so to detain every

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every such apprehended Person, for any Time not less than Thirty Days together, nor longer than One Year together, in the Judgment of the said Guardians, and then to be dismissed at some outer Gate of the said City, as the Guardians shall direct; during all which Time, every such apprehended Person shall be reasonably maintained and provided for by the said Guardians at the Costs of the said Corporation; and that all such Costs above the Profit to arise from each such Person's Work and Labour, which shall be set against the same rateably, according to the Charge *per* Head of all the other Poor provided for by the said Corporation for the Time being, shall be paid for by all the said several Parishes in the said City.

And it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all poor Children, who at any Time shall be maintained by the said Guardians, shall be and remain under their Government till they arrive at the Age of Fourteen Years, and that after such Children shall attain the Age of Fourteen Years respectively, or sooner if the said Guardians think fit, the said Guardians shall, and hereby have Power, at any Monthly or Special Court, by Writing under their Common Seal without Stamp, to bind and put forth any of such Children

Poor Children may be bound Appren-
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Apprentices to any reputable Person in *England*, or to any Two of the said Guardians, as Trustees, for the Benefit of, and to be employed under the said Corporation, to learn, and to be employed in any Art, Trade, Mystery, or Occupation, or in any Handicraft Business or Manufacture, or in the Sea Service, as the Guardians, or any Five or more of them shall think most fit and proper ; such Boy to be so bound for any Term not exceeding his Age of Twenty-two Years, and such Girl for any Term not exceeding eighteen Years ; and that every such Writing, (where the Apprentice shall not be bound to such two Guardians) shall be mutually binding as an Indenture between the Master, Mistress, and Apprentice ; and the Apprentice shall gain and be entitled to gain a Settlement, and if to a Freeman, be entitled to his Freedom under the same, and shall in all Respects be enforced according to the Laws in force, concerning the Binding-out of poor Children Apprentices, whose Parents are not able to provide for them ; and that the said Guardians shall, and hereby have full Power to maintain and provide for every such Apprentice, and hereby have full Power and Property over any such Apprentice who shall be so bound to any such Two Guardians as their lawful Apprentice, whose Work and Labour shall go and be to the Use of the said Corporation, and the Benefit of the said several Parishes ; and in case

case he, she, or they, shall desert or not duly perform such Service and Apprenticeship, the said Guardians shall, and hereby have Power, by Warrant under the Seal of the said Corporation, to apprehend each such Apprentice in any City, County, or Place in *Great Britain*, where he, she, or they shall, or may be found, and thereupon every such Apprentice shall be brought back to the said House of Industry in order to fulfil the same Apprenticeship; and the said Guardians may, and hereby have full Power to confine and inflict such moderate Punishment on him, her, or them, for any such Misdemeanour, as the said Guardians, or any Five more of them shall think most suitable to the Case: And the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them may, and hereby have Power to assign or turn over any such Apprentice, or wholly to release or discharge him or her from such Apprenticeship, by any Writing under their Common Seal, as they shall in any Court think fit to order and direct; and also that the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall and hereby have Power to discharge out of the said House, or to hire out, either before, or as soon as may be, after such Age of Fourteen Years, any of the said poor Children of the said several Parishes or Places, to be Servants in Husbandry, Housewifery, or otherwise, for one

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whole Year at the least, for such Child's own Benefit ; and also before such Age to hire out any of such poor Children ; and also any of the other Poor within the said House, to work and labour in the Time of Hay and Corn Harvest, or at any other Time, for the Benefit of the said Corporation, with any Farmer, Tradesman, or Person, under such Payment by such Farmer, Tradesman, or Person, to such Corporation, and for such Term and Time as the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them shall appoint ; all of which poor Persons so hired out, shall do and perform the Work and Labour to be contracted for by the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, to the best of each of their Power : And after the Expiration of such Contract shall immediately return, with his, her, or their Apparel, with which he, she, or they so went out to work, Allowance being made for the necessary Wear of such Apparel, to the said House of Industry ; or in Default thereof, shall and may be apprehended by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of Two of the Justices of the said City, in any County or Place whatsoever, and conveyed back to the said House, there to be employed and provided for as aforesaid ; and on every such Person being so apprehended and brought back, the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, may, and hereby

hereby have Power to inflict such reasonable Punishment, and of such Sort, on each Person apprehended, as they at any Court shall direct; and that in each and every Case or Occurrence whatsoever, wherein any of the Poor, under the Care and Management of the said Guardians shall not work and labour and obey and perform the Powers hereby given, and the Rules and Ordinances of the said Corporation, from Time to Time, the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall, and hereby have Authority at any Court, to order such poor Person or Persons so misbehaving to be whipped in the House of Correction, and to do such Task Work, or to inflict such Confinement or other reasonable Punishment on him, her, or them so misbehaving, as any such Court shall think fit and reasonable.

Punishment for Misbehaviour in general.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Guardians shall cause all Contracts made for the Purchase or Hire of any House or Houses, or with or by the Artificers and Workmen or others employed, or to be employed in or about the said House of Industry, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts, and Credits, and any Matter or Thing relating thereto, and all other their Proceedings concerning the same to be fairly written and entered

Contracts to be entered in Books.

in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose.

Money to
be raised
by grant-
ing An-
nuities.

And, in order to raise a proper Fund to enable the Guardians to carry into Execution the several Trusts hereby in them reposed, *Be it further Enacted*, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the said Treasurer or Treasurers so to be annually appointed as aforesaid, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, for the absolute Purchase of one or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the full Term of the natural Life of every such Contributor respectively, or the natural Life of such other Person as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such respective Contributor, at the Time of Payment of his or her respective Contribution-Money; which Annuity or Annuities shall not exceed the Rate of Nine Pounds *per Annum* for every One Hundred Pounds, and so in proportion for any greater or less Sum, to be advanced and paid as aforesaid; and shall be payable and paid by the said Treasurer or Treasurers as herein after directed, in the said Council Chamber, or in such Place in the said City, as he or they shall
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for that Purpose appoint, by Four equal quarterly Payments in the Year; the first of such Payments to begin and be made to the respective Purchasers and their Assigns at the Expiration of the first Three Calendar Months next after Payment of his or her respective Purchase-Money; which Annuities shall be publickly sold by the said Guardians of the said Poor in the said Council Chamber, or some other publick Place, to the best Bidder for the same, on Twenty-one Days Notice thereof being first given in the *London Gazette*, or other public Newspaper, and a like Notice affixed upon the Town-Hall, and such other publick Places as shall be thought proper, signifying such Intention.

And, for the better ascertaining and regulating the Payment of the said Annuities, *Be it further Enacted*, by the Authority a-
 foresaid, That the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall by Warrants under their Hands and Seals (directed to such Person or Persons as shall be chosen and appointed Treasurer and Treasurers, in manner herein before-mentioned) order and direct from Time to Time, the several quarterly Payments of the said Annuities to the respective Proprietors, as the same shall become due; which said Treasurer or Treasurers is and are hereby required, upon re-

Treasurer
to pay the
Annuities.

ceipt of such Warrant or Warrants, forthwith to pay the same out of the first Monies which shall be in his or their Hands, in pursuance of this Act, and arising by the respective Rates on the several Parishes; which Warrants shall be allowed in account to him or them, on making up his or their Accounts with the Guardians, as herein after mentioned.

Annuitants
Names to
be entered
in Books.

And it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be provided by the said Guardians, and kept in the House of Industry, or in such Place in the said City, as they the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them shall appoint, a Book or Books, in which shall be fairly written, in Words at length, the Names and Surnames, with the proper Additions and Places of Abode, of all such Persons who shall be Purchasers of any of the Annuities aforesaid; and of all Persons by whose Hands the said Purchasers shall pay in any Sum or Sums of Money upon the Credit of this Act; and also the Sum and Sums so paid for the Purchase of such Annuity or Annuities, and the respective Days of Payment thereof; and also an Account of the Interest that shall be paid to the said Annuitant or Annuitants from Time to Time, and by whom received; to which Book and Books it shall be lawful for the
said

said respective Purchasers, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Agent or Agents, and to and for any Person or Persons who shall be liable to pay any Assessments to be made by Virtue of this Act, from Time to Time, and at all reasonable Times, to have Recourse to, and inspect the same, without Fee or Reward.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Annuities so to be purchased, under and by Virtue of this Act, shall be and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable from Time to Time, out of the Monies arising by the respective Rates on the several Parishes, made by Virtue of this Act; and all and every the Contributor and Contributors upon the Credit of this Act, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase-Money for any such Annuities as aforesaid; or such Person or Persons as he, she, or they shall appoint, his, her, or their respective Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be intitled by Virtue of this Act, to have receive, and enjoy, the said respective Annuity or Annuities, during the Term of the natural Life of the Person to be nominated by each such Purchaser or Contributor as above-mentioned; and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, and their Assigns respectively, shall have good

good, sure, absolute, indefeasible personal Estates and Interests in the Annuities so by them respectively purchased, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act : And that none of the said Annuities shall be subject and liable to the Tax charged upon Lands by Authority of Parliament, or to any other Parliamentary or Parochial Tax whatsoever.

Contributors to have Receipts for their Money.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Contributor upon this Act for the Purchase of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, his, her, or their Assigns, upon Payment of the Consideration or Purchase-Money for the same, or any Part or Proportion thereof, shall have one or more Receipt or Receipts from the Person or Persons receiving the same, importing the Receipt of so much Purchase-Money as shall be so paid ; and upon Payment of the Remainder of such Purchase-Money, if any, every such Contributor, his or her Assigns respectively, shall have an Order on Parchment or Vellum, for Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities, for and during the Life of such Person as shall be nominated by such Contributor or Purchaser as aforesaid ; which Order shall be signed by the Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, at any Meeting assembled, such Nine being a major Part of them assembled

sembled at such Meeting ; and after signing thereof, the same shall be firm, good, valid, and effectual in the Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof, and of this Act.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Purchaser or Purchasers of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, at any Time or Times, by writing under his, her, or their Hands and Seals, (without any Stamp thereon) to assign such Annuity or Annuities, or any Part thereof or Interest therein, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, and so *toties quoties* ; and a Memorandum or Entry of all such Assignments, and of the respective Days the same were brought to be so entered, shall be made in a Book, which is hereby required to be kept for that Purpose, at the Charge of the said Guardians, in the House of Industry, or in the Council Chamber belonging to the said City, or in such Room or Place as shall be appointed in the said City for that Purpose ; which Entry or Memorandum shall be made *gratis*, and may, at all seasonable Times, be inspected by any Person or Person interested therein.

Annuities
may be
assigned.

Provided

Provided always, That no such Assignment shall be deemed good and effectual until such Memorandum or Entry shall be made in the said Book, in manner aforesaid.

Former
Poor Rates
to be dis-
continued.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said several Parishes herein before mentioned, or any of them, from the Time being, from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, shall not, by Virtue of any Law now in being, make (save as hereafter mentioned) and they and every of them are hereby disabled to make, or cause to be made, any other Rate, Assessment, or Taxation whatsoever; or to rate, collect, or gather any other Sum or Sums of Money within any of the said several Parishes, or from the Inhabitants thereof, or otherwise, for the Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor of, within, and belonging to the said several Parishes, other than such Rates or Taxation, for the cloathing, maintaining, employing, and otherwise providing for the Poor of and belonging to the said several Parishes, as shall and may from Time to Time be ordered and directed to be rated and raised by the said Corporation, pursuant to the Powers herein given, and
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for the Purposes herein expressed (save and except all such Rates or Sums of Money which the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or any of them, now are, or shall, by any Special Law, be obliged and directed to pay and to raise by Taxation, for the Relief and Provision of the Families of any Militia-men, or for any other particular Purposes arising within and falling to the Part of each such Parish, and particularly directed by other Acts of Parliament :) Except as excepted. And that none of the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the said several Parishes, for the Time being, shall pay, expend, or apply any Money to be rated, collected, and raised in the said several Parishes, by them, or any of them, pursuant to any of the Powers hereby given to or for the Relief of any of the Poor of or in any of the said several Parishes, or to or for any other Use or Purpose, or to any Person or Persons, other than such as is and are hereinafter appointed or shall be directed, pursuant to the Powers herein contained, save and except so much and such Part of any such Money to be so collected, and when remaining in the Hands of the Person empowered and having collected the same, as any Five of the said Guardians (not being Churchwarden or Overseer) for the Time being, by Writing under their Hands, intervening the Time of holding any of the said Courts; and, in
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Poor Persons not capable of being removed into the House of Industry, to be relieved.

Collectors to keep separate Accounts of Money expended for special Purposes.

case of Necessity, or so much of such Monies as any of the said Courts (which they are hereby severally empowered to do) shall order to be paid by any such collecting Churchwarden or Overseer, or other collecting Officer, for the Time being, to be empowered, by Virtue of this Act, in and for the Relief and Support of any Person not able to support him or herself, and incapable of being moved into the said House of Industry, who by Accident, Sickness, or otherwise, shall fall, and be casually in Want in any such Parish, or for the Burial of any poor Person dying therein, or in the removing of any Pauper to his or her Place of Settlement, or in trying the Right of any Pauper's Settlement, or for any other such urgent and necessitous Case: And in the Cases of all such directed Payments, the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the said several Parishes, or other Person, collecting and paying the same, shall keep a separate Account of all the Money to be by them respectively expended and laid out for any the aforesaid excepted and special Purposes; and shall, from Time to Time, deduct the same out of the Money they shall be respectively required to rate, collect and raise in each Parish, under the Directions of this Act; and upon his or their paying the Overplus of the Money so directed to be raised, to the Treasurer, or such other Person,

Person, for the Use of the said Corporation, as is herein after directed and appointed, he or they shall at the same Time deliver in to such Treasurer, or other Person, a fair Copy of every Rate to be so made, and of all the Money to be so collected, and of all Payments for any of the said excepted or special Purposes, at the Time herein appointed for the Return of every such Rate and Payment of all Money to be collected by Virtue of the Powers hereby given ; to the intent that every such Churchwarden or Overseer, or other such Collecting Officer of every such Rate, shall, on every such Payment, balance his Accounts and Collections, and have no further Account open or depending with the said Corporation, or relative to the Poor under their Care.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Property of all and every the Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, and Materials whatsoever, to be from Time to Time had, bought, used, procured, and in the Possession, Use, and Employ of the said Corporation, for the Time being : And also all Debts due to the Corporation for the Poores Work, or otherwise, shall be and are hereby absolutely vested in the said Guardians,
Furniture,
&c. vested
in the Corporation.
for

Persons
embezzling to be
punished.

for the Use of the said Corporation, who are hereby authorized and empowered by their said Name of Incorporation, to bring Actions for the Recovery thereof, and also to make any Accusation before any Justice of the Peace, who shall thereupon cause any such Person accused to be apprehended as a Felon, and also to prosecute Indictments (as in the Case of and which is hereby declared to be Felony) against any Person or Persons, and also against any of the said Poor, provided for and under the Care of the said Guardians, who shall steal, take, carry away, sell, embezzle, pawn, pledge, or wilfully destroy or spoil any such the aforesaid Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, and Materials whatsoever : And as to any of the said Poor, who shall be found guilty of any such Offences in the Judgment of the said Guardians, in any of their said Courts, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians then and there to order such Confinement and corporal Punishment of any such Offender, in the House of Correction, instead of any Prosecution for Felony, as aforesaid, as they shall think proper : And, in case he or she shall have absconded, by Warrant under Seal of the said Corporation, to cause such Person to be apprehended in any City, County, or Place, and to be conveyed to such House of Industry,

dustry, there to be confined and punished, as
aforesaid : And in case any Person or Persons
shall knowingly buy or receive, or cause to
be bought or received, or shall otherwise take
into his, her, or their Custody or Power,
any such of the aforesaid Goods, Cattle,
Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths,
Linen, Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils,
and Materials whatsoever, before named,
from or by Means or Contrivance of any
of the Poor under the Care and Manage-
ment of the said Guardians, or from any
other Person or Persons, without the Pri-
vity and Consent of the said Guardians in
some of their said Courts : And in case any
Person or Persons shall knowingly receive,
entertain, keep, or conceal, any of the said
Poor under the Care of the said Guardians,
who shall have absconded, eloped, or de-
serted from the said House of Industry, with-
out the Privity and Consent of the said
Guardians, every such Person or Persons so
offending, and being convicted of any of
the Offences aforesaid, on his or her own
Confession in Writing, or upon the Oath
of any one Witness, or upon the Oath of
any such poor Person having so sold, pawned,
or delivered any of such Goods, Cattle,
Chattels, Apparel, or Materials aforesaid,
or having so eloped as aforesaid, before any
one Justice of the Peace of the said City,
or of the Place where the Offender shall

dwell (which Oath any such Justice hath
 hereby Power to administer) shall forfeit
 and pay for every such Offence the Sum of
 Five Pounds, over and besides the Value of
 the Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Apparel, or
 Materials so bought, received, or taken in-
 to his, her, or their Custody; to be esti-
 mated at the Price the same were originally
 bought when new, for the Use of the said
 Corporation, to be levied by Distress and
 Sale of the proper Goods, Cattle and Chat-
 tels of every such Offender or Offenders,
 together with the Charges of such Distress
 and Sale, by Warrant for that Purpose to
 be forthwith granted under the Hand and
 Seal of such Justice before whom any such
 Conviction shall be; and, for want of such
 sufficient Distress, it shall be lawful for the
 same or any other Justice, having Juris-
 diction, by Warrant under his Hand and
 Seal, to apprehend any such Offender or
 Offenders, and to commit him, her, or
 them, to the common Goal of the City or
 County where such Person shall be appre-
 hended, there to remain without Bail or
 Mainprize until Payment of each such Pe-
 nalty, with the Charges of Recovery there-
 of, and of the Pursuit and Commitment of
 such Offender, to be fixed and ascertained
 by such Justice, or until such Person shall
 have compounded for the same, and paid
 such Composition, which Composition the
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of their said Courts or Assemblies, to nominate, appoint, and employ, from Time to Time, such Person and Persons, as they shall think proper to be and officiate as Clerk, Assistant, Master, Matron, Beadle, or Porter, or in any other Office or Place which shall be thought needful by the said Guardians, and from Time to Time to remove and displace such Person or Persons as they shall find cause ; and upon the Death or Removal of them, or any of them, to chuse others in their Place, and to make, pay, and allow out of the Stock of the said Corporation, and the Rates to be raised as herein after mentioned, such reasonable Salary or Allowance to any such Clerk, or other Officer or Person, as the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall think fit.

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And it is hereby further Enacted, That the Treasurer and Treasurers of the said Corporation for the Time being, before he or they shall respectively act in such Office or Place, shall give Bond, in a sufficient Penalty, with Sureties, duly to pay and account with the said Corporation, and to act in any such Office according to the Tenor of the Trust, pursuant to this Act ; and the said Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, and also the Clerk, and every other Officer or Person who shall belong to the

the said Corporation or House of Industry, shall from Time to Time account before such Person or Persons, or before the said Auditor or Auditors, as the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall for such Purposes appoint, for all such Sums of Money, Stock, Goods, and other Things whatsoever, belonging to the said Corporation, or the said House of Industry, which shall come to their respective Hands, or be under their respective Care, upon every reasonable Warning or Notice thereof, not being less than three Days exclusive, to be to them respectively given, or left at his or their Place of Abode, by the Order of the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them; and in case any such Treasurer, or other Officer or Person, shall neglect or refuse to account as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any One Justice of the Peace in and for the said City of *Oxford*, on Proof thereof made to him on the Oath of any One Person, under the Direction of the said Corporation, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause any such Treasurer, or other Officer or Person, to be apprehended in the said City, and to commit him or them to the Common Goal of the said City; there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they shall conform and account as before directed: And if any such Treasurer, or other Officer or Person,

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so neglecting or refusing to account, shall go, or be out of the Jurisdiction of the said City, so that such the aforesaid Warrant against him cannot be executed, it shall be lawful for any one Justice, in any other County or Place where it shall be suspected such Treasurer or other Officer shall be, to indorse his Name on any such Warrant, which shall be full Power to any Constable, or other Person having such Warrant, to execute the same in any such County or Place of which such Justice, so indorsing the same, hath Jurisdiction; to the Intent that, from and after any such Offender shall be taken, he shall be conveyed before any One Justice of the said City of *Oxford*, to be by him committed for such Offence as aforesaid: And if upon any Account made with the said Corporation by any Treasurer, or other Officer or Person, there shall appear and be any Money, Goods, or other Effects, in his or their Hands, due and belonging to the said Corporation, he and they shall pay and deliver over the same to such Person or Persons, and at such Time, as the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall direct, or shall give such Security for the same as the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them shall approve of; and in Default of such Payment, or giving such Security, according to the Direction or Approbation, every such Treasurer, or other Officer or Person, shall immediately thereupon

upon forfeit and pay to the said Guardians double the Value of such Money, Goods, or other Effects, so being in his or their Hands; to be recovered by the said Guardians by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any Court of Record in *Great Britain*, in which no Protection, Essoign, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparance shall be allowed; and in the Case of every such Forfeiture, upon Affidavit made thereof by any Person on Behalf of the said Guardians, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, by Virtue of some proper Writ or Complaint out of any such Court of Record in *Great Britain*, to arrest any such Treasurer, or other Officer or Person so offending, in order to hold him or them to Bail in the said Action, for the Recovery of any such Penalty.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, Guardians
by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, ^{not to have}
or any Thing herein contained, shall not ^{Power over}
in any-wise extend to give the said Guar- ^{particular}
dians any Power or Authority over any ^{Charities.}
Alms-house or Hospital, or any other charitable Building, or other special Donation whatsoever, within the said City, already or hereafter to be given, settled, or erected, nor to give any Power or Authority over any of the Poor dwelling therein, or having the Benefit of any such private Donations

or Charities for the Time being; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas the keeping separate Accounts of the Poor, and apportioning the Sums necessary for their Support and Employment in each respective Parish, would be attended with great Trouble and Perplexity; and that incorporating the said Poor of the several and respective Parishes herein before-mentioned, into one Family, would remedy the said Inconveniencies; *Be it therefore further Enacted*, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty Fourth Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One, or as soon after as a House can be provided for the Reception of the said Poor, the several and respective Sums necessary to be raised for their Maintenance, Relief, and Employment, shall be raised by a regular Pound Rate, or be assessed without Distinction, throughout each of such respective Parishes within the City of *Oxford*: And that the said Guardians, or any Thirteen or more of them, shall and hereby have Power at any of their Monthly or other Special Courts or Assemblies, to be for ever afterwards held from Time to Time as there shall be Occasion, and as they shall think proper, to set down and ascertain
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what Sum or Sums of Money shall be needful to be raised by such regular and equal Pound Rate as aforesaid, for the maintaining and employing the Poor, and for other the Uses of the said Corporation, pursuant to the Design of this Act: And the said Guardians, or any Thirteen or more of them, shall and hereby have Power and Authority at every or any such Monthly or Special Courts or Assemblies as aforesaid, to issue, and, as soon as may be, to send out and to direct their Precept and Certificate, under their Common Seal, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of each of the said several Parishes for the Time being, expressing the Money so fixed and ascertained by each such Court to be raised as aforesaid; and thereby requiring the said Churchwardens and Overseers of each such Parish, or any one or more of them, to rate and assess, as soon as may be, and within Thirty Days (exclusive) from the Date thereof, to collect and receive, and to cause the same respective Sums to be raised and levied by Taxation equally and in proportion, as near as may be, of and upon the several Householders and Inhabitants; and every Occupier in respect of and for, and of and upon all Lands, Houses, Tythes, Stocks, and Estates real and personal, in the said several Parishes, which by any Law now in force are rateable and

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liable to pay to, and for the setting on Work and Relief of the Poor, according to the respective Worth and Values of all such Estates: And that every such Churchwarden and Overseer to whom any such Precept and Certificate shall be so directed, shall obey the same in all respects; and is and are hereby required, and shall and hereby have and hath full Power and Authority in pursuance thereof, to make every such Rate as soon as may be, not exceeding Six Days inclusive from the Receipt of every such Precept, and to collect and receive, and cause to be raised and levied within the Time aforesaid, by such Taxation as aforesaid, and by virtue of the Powers hereby given, every such Sum and Sums of Money to be so set down and directed in and by every such Precept and Certificate; and on the *Sunday* next after his or their Receipt thereof, shall cause Notice to be given, immediately after Divine Service, in the Parish Church of each such Parish, declaring the Sum intended to be raised; and immediately after he or they shall have so made every such Rate, the same shall be fairly entered and set down by him or them so making and levying the same, in a Book to be kept and provided by and on the Behalf of each such Parish, and shall be subscribed by each such Churchwardens and Overseers, and by him or them

them brought as soon as may be, to any Two Justices of the Peace in and for the said City, who shall, and are hereby empowered and required, at such Time to subscribe and sign his or their Allowance of such Rate, taking only One Shilling for each such Allowance: And in case of Non-payment of each and every such Rate, by the Person taxed and rated, or by the Occupier of the Premises so taxed, whether the Party shall be rated by Name or as the Occupier, or the Premises so occupied shall be only rated (the same Rate being first lawfully demanded from the Party occupying the Premises in Person, or by Notice left at the Premises by any one of such Churchwardens or Overseers, or other Person appointed by them, or any of them) it shall be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace in and for the said City, and on the respective Neglect or Refusal of any Six of such Justices, then for any Two Guardians of the said Corporation representing any other Parish (and not being Justices) upon Proof of such Non-payment, after Demand, by the Oath of any one such Churchwarden and Overseer, or other Person directed by him or them to make such Demand, or to give such Notice, (within Two Days exclusive after such Demand, but not sooner) to issue his or their Warrant, under his or their Hand and Seal, or
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Hands and Seals, and who are hereby severally required to issue the same accordingly, and thereby to authorize and empower the said Churchwardens and Overseers of such Parish, or any of them, or any other Person to be named therein, to levy and raise as soon as may be, such Money so in arrear and unpaid, together with the Costs attending the same, to be ascertained by the Person or Persons so granting such Warrant, by Distress and Sale of the Goods, Cattle, and Chattels of every such Person or Persons so in Arrear, or not having paid any such Rate as aforesaid, restoring the Overplus of any such Distress and Sale to the Party so distrained, or leaving the same at his, her, or their Place of Abode: And in case no such sufficient Distress can be found, then any such one Justice, or after the Neglect or Refusal of so many of them as aforesaid, any such Two Guardians as aforesaid, shall, and hereby have like Power, and are hereby required to issue such his or their Warrant, to apprehend and thereby to commit any such Person so not paying, and offending as aforesaid, to the common Goal of the said City, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until such Rate or Rates, and all Costs and Charges attending such Proceedings as aforesaid, (to be fixed by the Person or Persons granting such Warrant) shall

shall be paid or compounded for; which Composition the said Guardians, or any Thirteen or more of them, are hereby impowered to make: And the said Churchwardens and Overseers of each of the said several Parishes who shall be so required and shall collect and gather any such Rates as aforesaid, shall, and are hereby ordered, from Time to Time, to pay the whole Money to be so by them respectively rated, collected, and received, when and so often as they shall receive the same, if the said Guardians shall in any Monthly or Special Court so direct; but for want of such Direction, then within Three Days exclusive after the Expiration of the said Thirty Days, to be named in every such Precept and Certificate at the Return thereof as aforesaid, to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Corporation, or to some other Person or Persons, to be from Time to Time appointed by the said Guardians, or any Thirteen or more of them, to receive the same for the Use of the said Corporation, and to the Account of every such separate Parish, from whence each such Rate shall be raised; and shall and is, and are hereby required, at the Time of making every such Payment of such Money so collected, to deliver over to the Person or Persons so impowered to receive the same, a true and exact Copy or Duplicate of each
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such Assessment founding every such Payment, with an Account underwrote, of any Money therein rated and unavoidably lost through the Insolvency of the Party, or otherwise, through his or her Defect; and of any Money such Churchwardens or Overseers may have expended out of that Rate, by Order of the said Guardians or otherwise, as is herein before-mentioned and excepted as to casual Purposes: And in case any such Churchwardens or Overseers to whom any such Precept and Certificate, under Seal of the said Corporation shall be directed as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to receive and obey every such Precept, and to make every such Rate, or to collect the Money thereby required to be raised by such Taxation, and in all respects before-mentioned to enforce the raising thereof, and afterwards to pay over such Money when collected, and to deliver over such Copy of every such Assessment, within and at such Times, and with such Account underwrote, as is and are herein mentioned and directed: Every such Churchwarden and Overseer so offending in any of the Matters aforesaid, in the Judgment of the said Guardians, in any of their said weekly, monthly, or special Courts, shall forfeit and pay for each such Offence, the Sum of Ten Pounds, for the Use of the said Corporation; and for want of such Payment,
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on Demand made by Order of any such Court, the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, in manner herein after-mentioned, as to the Recovery of pecuniary Penalties or Forfeitures: And in case any such Churchwardens or Overseers shall, after his or their collecting any such Rates, or any Part thereof, become insolvent, or otherwise unable to pay over any such Money so by him collected, or shall die insolvent in the Judgment of the said Corporation assembled in any monthly or special Court, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation in any such of their said Courts, after such Neglect or Refusal, or after such Insolvency or Inability, by the like Precept under their common Seal, to appoint any other or others of the Churchwardens or Overseers, or any two substantial Householders in any such Parish, to rate, collect, and receive, and cause to be raised and levied, such Sum or Sums of Money (so required to be raised by each such Parish in any such former Precept, so being neglected or refused to be obeyed by any such the Churchwardens or Overseers of the same Parish, or so much thereof as any of such Churchwardens or Overseers shall have collected, and afterwards become unable to pay over by the Means aforesaid, and shall not have paid over the same to the said Treasurer

surer or other Person, for the Use of the
 said Corporation) in like Manner, and
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 of any of the said several Parishes: And so
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 Overseers, or such two Householdors in any
 such Parishes, shall also neglect or refuse to
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 Money as shall be thereby required, or shall
 after his or their collecting the same, or any
 Part thereof become insolvent, or otherwise
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 him collected, in the Judgment of the said
 Corporation, then, and in every such Case,
 it shall be lawful for the said Corporation,
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Guardians from among themselves, or any two other Persons (not so before appointed) by another such like Precept, under their Common Seal, to make and collect such Rate, and to raise and levy such Money, or so much thereof as shall be so wanting to be raised by and out of any such Parish, in such Manner, and with such Powers as is and are beforementioned, had such Precept been originally executed in all Respects, by any the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the same Parish, having been first so appointed as aforesaid, and subject to the like Penalty for any Disobedience, or defective Execution thereof, by such Guardians, or either of them, in every Instance, as is before appointed, as to every first or original Precept.

And it is hereby further Enacted, by the ^{Persons} Authority aforesaid, That in Case any of <sup>embezzle-
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collected.</sup> the Persons who shall be so appointed to rate, raise, and collect, any of the said Sums of Money directed by the said Guardians to be raised in, and by any of the said Parishes as aforesaid, shall, after he, they, or any of them shall have so collected and received, all or any of such Monies, embezzle or expend the same; or shall refuse or neglect to pay over the same Money, and to account to the said Treasurer of the said Corporation, or to such other Person as is herein, or as the said Corporation shall

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direct as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any one Justice of the said City, on Complaint thereof to him made by the said Guardians, by any Order of any subsequent Court, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal (and who is hereby required to grant the same) to cause such Money to be forthwith levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Person or Persons, with the Costs of such Distress and Sale, to be allowed of by such Justices: And in Case no such sufficient Distress can be had and made, then by such like Warrant to cause such Person or Persons so offending, to be apprehended, and to commit him or them to the Common Goal of the said City; there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they shall pay all such Money and Charges, and shall account and conform according to the Effect of such Precept, for making any such Rate, and according to the Tenor of this Act, or have compounded for such Money; which Composition the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them are hereby empowered to make: And in case any such Person shall abscond and depart from the said City with or without making such Payments of any Money so by him collected, or shall compound for the same in Manner aforesaid, or shall so secrete himself as to avoid being apprehended and committed as aforesaid,

aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Corporation (although the same may have been collected again, or made up by Means of any subsequent or intervening Rate in any such Parish, by the Order and to the Use of the said Corporation) in either or any such Case, to sue for, and to recover the same Money so collected, and every Part thereof, against each and every such Person, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any Court of Record in *Great Britain* (without Limitation of Time) wherein no Essoign or Wager of Law, or any Imparance shall be allowed : And upon a Verdict for the said Corporation, they shall recover treble the Amount of the Money so collected, and treble Costs of Suit, ^{Damages and Costs.} and have such Remedy for the same as any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs hath or have in any other Cases by Law : And which Money and Costs (after deducting all other Costs expended by the said Guardians in or by Reason of any such Suit) when received by them shall be placed to the Credit and to the Account of the particular Parish, from whence and in Respect whereof, such Money so recovered had been originally collected ; and in order to charge every such Person with the Receipt of such Money to be so by him collected as aforesaid, the several and respective Persons paying any such Money, or any Part thereof, shall and are hereby declared

clared to be good and competent Witnesses to prove any of such Payment by him, her, or them.

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Provided always, and it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person to whom any such Precept to make and collect any such Rates within any such Parish, for the Use of and under the Seal of the said Corporation as aforesaid, shall happen to die before all or any Part of such Money to be so rated shall be collected by him, the Whole or so much thereof as shall remain uncollected by the Person so dying, shall be collected and levied by the surviving Person or Persons to whom each such Warrant or Precept shall from Time to Time be directed, and he or they shall afterwards execute the same in all Respects herein directed; and all such Money as shall or may at the Death of any such Person have been collected and received by him under any such Rate, and remaining in his Hands, shall within ten Days after such his Decease, be paid by his legal Representative or Representatives, or Person possessing his late Estate and Effects, to the surviving Person or Persons, or any of them to whom the particular Precept, by Virtue whereof such Money had been received, was so directed, who shall be answerable to pay over the same to the Treasurer

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surer or other Person hereby impowered to receive the same, for the Use of the same Corporation, under the like Penalty for Disobedience, and subject to the like Remedies against him or them for Recovery thereof by the said Guardians, as if he or they had originally collected any such Money: And in case any such Representative or Representatives of any such deceased Person, or the Person possessing his late Estate and Effects as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse, upon the Demand of such surviving Collector, or of any other Person to be directed by the said Guardians to pay over to such surviving Collector, or to any other Person whom the said Guardians shall appoint, all the Money having been so collected by, and remaining in the Hands of any such deceased Person at his Death, it shall be lawful for any one Justice of the said City, upon Complaint to him thereof made by Order of the said Corporation, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to levy all such Money by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels, late of the Person so deceased, with the Costs of such Distress and Sale: And for Want of such Distress, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians to sue for and recover any of such Money (although the Deficiency thereof may have been again raised and collected by such Parish by Order of the said Guardians) by Action of Debt,

Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record in *Great-Britain*, against the Heir at Law or personal Representative of the Person or Officer being dead; whose real and personal Effects are hereby made severally liable and subject thereto: And upon a Verdict for the said Guardians, they shall recover treble Costs of Suit, and have such Remedy for the same, as any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs hath or have in any other Cases by Law; and which Money and Costs (after deducting thereout all the other Costs expended in such Suit by the said Guardians) when received, shall be placed to the Credit and Account of the Parish, from which, such Money so recovered, had been originally rated and collected: And any Person or Persons having paid any Part of such Rates or Money so having been collected by any such deceased Person before his Death, shall and are hereby declared to be good and competent Witnesses to prove any of such Payments by him, her, or them.

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And whereas there may be some Houses in the said City, which are let out in separate Apartments, and others let ready furnished to Lodgers; *Be it therefore further Enacted*, That every Person, whether Landlord or Tenant, who lets out his or her House in separate Apartments, or ready furnished, shall for the Purposes of this Act, be

be deemed the Occupier thereof, and may be rated or assessed accordingly; and shall be liable and subject to the Payment of the Sum so rated or assessed.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of every Person renting or occupying any separate Apartment in any such Houses, or renting or occupying any ready-furnished House, shall be liable to be distrained and sold, for the Payment of the Rate or Assessment; and that each and every Person who shall pay such Rate or Assessment, so charged on his or her respective Landlord or Landlords, or upon whose Goods and Chattels the same shall be levied in Pursuance of this Act, shall and may deduct the same from and out of the next Rent due and payable to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, so letting the same; and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Landlord or Landlords, for so much Money as he or she shall have so paid, or as shall have been so levied on his or her Goods and Chattels, in pursuance of this Act.

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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore said, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, at any of their public Meetings, to borrow and take up at Interest,

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rest, any Sum or Sums of Money, which they shall think necessary for the Purposes of this Act, and by Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, to assign over the Rates and Assessments to be made by Virtue of this Act, or any Part or Proportions thereof, to the Persons lending the same, for securing the Re-payment of any such Sum and Sums of Money, and Interest thereupon; and in Default of the Payment of such Interest, at the Expiration of every six Calendar Months, if the same shall be demanded; or upon Default of the Payment of such principal Money, within twelve Calendar Months after Notice shall be given, demanding Payment thereof, to the said Guardians or any Nine or more of them, at some or one of their public Meetings, by the Person or Persons respectively intitled to the same, such Person and Persons shall have the same Powers, Rights, and Privileges, for the Recovery thereof, as the Annuitants are by this Act invested with for Recovery of their respective Annuities; but no more principal Money shall be borrowed upon the Credit of this Act, either by Annuities or Assignments of the Rates or Assessments as aforesaid, than the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds.

Provided always, and it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That such Sum and Sums

Sums of Money as shall be raised by Annuities in Manner herein mentioned, and applied to the Discharge of the Money so borrowed upon the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments, and the Interest for the same, shall not be deemed or taken to be any part of the said Ten Thousand Pounds.

Provided also, and it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall apprehend him, her, or themselves to be un-ually taxed, charged, or rated, by any Rate or Assessment made within any of the said several Parishes, pursuant to the Powers hereby given, the Churchwardens or Overseers, or other Person or Persons appointed to make and collect any such Rate, for the Time being, shall, and is, and are hereby required, upon the Request of any Person or Persons, apprehending him, her, or themselves to be so aggrieved, to produce and shew to him, her, or them, any such Precept directing any such Rate, and any such Rate or Assessment made in Pursuance thereof, and shall permit him, her, or them to inspect or take any Copy or Extract thereof: And it shall be lawful for any such Person or Persons within ten Days after the Date of every such Precept for making of such Rate, or within three Days exclusive after such Rate made on any such Person

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or Persons, shall be demanded to be paid, to make Complaint to any two Justices of the Peace of the said City, who shall and are hereby required to issue their Summons thereupon to the Churchwardens and Overseers, or other Person or Persons having made, or being appointed to make any such Rate, requiring them and every of them within five Days next afterwards, exclusive, at some Hour of the Day and Place to be therein named, to appear before any three Justices of the Peace of the said City (whereof the Mayor or the Recorder of the said City for the Time being to be one) and any two or more of the said Guardians to be joined with them (not being Guardians for or in Respect of the same Parish,) and then and there to produce the Precept for making every such Rate, with the Rate and Assessment made in Pursuance thereof; at which Time and Place such three Justices, and any two of such Guardians, not being Justices, who shall be appointed by the Majority of Guardians then present, if more than two, not being Justices, or any three of them, shall and hereby have full Power to hear each Complaint, and to examine all Parties and their Evidence thereon upon Oath, by Way of and as the Appeal of the Parties so complaining; and shall then and there make such final Order in the Premises, as shall be binding to the Appellant,
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and all Parties rated or liable to be rated in any such Assessment; and to all other Persons, as to them or any three of them shall appear just and reasonable.

Provided always, and it is hereby further Books of the Corporation to be inspected.
Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Books, Papers, and Accounts whatsoever, of and belonging to the said Corporation, shall at any of their said Courts, upon reasonable Notice being first given, be produced to, and inspected, during such Time, by any Inhabitant or other Person, being rated to, or paying in Respect to his, her, or their Estate, in any of the said Parishes in the said City, to the Relief of the Poor thereof, who shall then and there be at Liberty and have Power to protest and declare his, her, or their Objection or Observations to, or upon any particular Charges, Rates, Matters, or Proceedings whatsoever, which shall be then heard and taken into Consideration by such Court; and in case the same Court cannot settle and end such Grievance to the Satisfaction of the Party or Parties so making the same Objection, such his, her, or their Objection, shall be adjourned over to, and heard at the next following Monthly or Special Court of the said Corporation, when such Order to be made therein by such Court shall be final.

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And it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Gifts, Donations, Benefactions, and Sums of Money whatsoever, now payable, or which shall hereafter become payable, for, and to the Use of the Poor of, and belonging to any of the said several Parishes, not being directed or liable to be applied for the Support of any private or particular Poor or Charity, or by the Donation particularly appropriated, not being sacramental Money, shall from Time to Time from and after the holding of the first Court of the said Corporation under the Powers aforesaid, be had and received by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of each such Parish, or one of them, or by some Person to be appointed by the said Corporation on the Default of such Churchwardens and Overseers, at the usual and proper Times of Payment; and shall as soon afterwards as may, from Time to Time, be paid over by him or them, to the Treasurer or other Person to be appointed by the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, for the Use of the said Corporation, and to the Credit and Account of all the said Parishes: And in Case any such Churchwarden or Overseer shall refuse or neglect to receive in any of such Money, and pay over the same as aforesaid within ten Days after Demand made thereof by Order of the said Guardians

Guardians to each such Churchwarden and Overseer : Every such Churchwarden and Overseer so neglecting or refusing, and not shewing reasonable Cause for the same to the next following Court, shall severally forfeit and pay to the Use of the said Corporation any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor under Five Pounds, as the said Guardians at any following Court shall order and appoint.

And it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Gifts, Grants, and other charitable Benefactions whatsoever, to, or to the Use of the said Corporation, shall be laid out and applied by the said Guardians according to the Direction of every Donor and Benefactor ; and where there shall be no such particular Direction, then to the Use of the Poor of all the said several Parishes, according to the Rules herein prescribed : And that the said Guardians shall and may, and have hereby full Power, at any Special Court or Assembly, to elect or choose any such charitable Person or Benefactor, his or her Heir, Executor, or Administrator, or next of Kin, after his or her Decease, to be a Guardian of the Poor ; and who shall be and act as one of the said Body Corporate, for such Time as the said Corporation shall at such Court, or at any following Special Court appoint.

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ties accord-
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Will of
the Donor.

And

Guardians
may con-
tract for
the Poor of
any other
Parish.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Guardians may, (if they think proper) at any of their said Monthly or Special Courts, and the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor, or other Person or Persons having the Care of the Poor of any Parish, Township, or other Place, may contract and agree together, for the maintaining and employing of the Poor of any such Parish, Township, or Place, by the said Guardians, in the said House of Industry, and under the Management of the said Guardians in all Respects, according to the Powers hereby given, over the Poor of the said several Parishes herein mentioned, for, and during such Time together, not less than One Year, and under such Payments to the said Guardians, as they, and such other contracting Parties shall mutually agree upon : All of which Poor shall be compellable to go into the said House of Industry, and shall not during each such Contract be otherwise relieved ; and shall be subject in all Respects to the Rules and Powers of the said Corporation, and to the like Punishments and Prosecutions as the Poor of the said several Parishes are hereby subjected to ; and shall be severally liable to be dismissed and discharged out of the said House, and from under the Care of the said Guardians, and to be sent to his, her, or their proper

proper Parish, Township, or Place, there to be again relieved and provided for according to Law, for any Breach of such Contract by the Contractors on their Part, or for any Misbehaviour, Non-conformance, or other Offence in any of such Poor, when, and as the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall think proper, and by the Order of any Monthly or Special Court shall direct: And that each and every Churchwarden and Overseer, or other Person, having the Care of the Poor of every such Parish, Township, or Place, shall, and hereby have Authority to raise and levy, by Taxation in each such Parish, Township, or Place, in the same Manner, within such Time, and by such Ways and Means, and with all and every such Power of Distress, and other Powers as are herein before given and appointed as to rating, levying, and raising the Money for the Relief and Employ of the Poor in the said several Parishes, all and every such Sum and Sums of Money for the Maintenance and Employ of all such their respective Poor, as the said Guardians shall, from Time to Time, direct and apportion to be paid for all such Poor, according to the Tenor of every such Contract or Agreement; saving and reserving nevertheless to any Person rated, or liable to pay any such rate, Power and Liberty to appeal against the same to
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any two Justices of the Peace residing next the Pari^h or Place, within such Time after such Notice, and in such Form as is herein prescribed as to Appeals against any of the Rates to be made in any of the said other Parishes, for the Relief of the Poor thereof; and which two Justices shall, and hereby have full Power to settle and finally determine such Appeal, in such summary Way as aforesaid; and in Case any such contracting Churchwarden, Overseer, or other Person, on Behalf of any such Parish, Township, or Place, shall neglect or refuse to raise and levy, and to pay all such Sums of Money so directed by the said Corporation, to be paid to them in Pursuance of every such Contract, every such Churchwarden and Overseer, or other Person or Persons, having so contracted with the said Corporation, shall within ten Days after the Time for every such Payment shall be expired, be, and is, and are hereby made severally liable to pay and make good every such Payment to the said Corporation, by, and out of his and their own proper Goods and Effects; and in Default thereof, after Demand made to any one of them, on Behalf of, and by Order of the said Corporation, it shall be lawful for any one Justice, having Jurisdiction there, on Complaint to him made by Order of the said Corporation, certified to him from any Court, by Warrant under

under his Hand and Seal, to levy all such Arrears, and every such Sum and Sums of Money by Distress and Sale of the proper Goods and Chattels of each or any such Churchwardens or Overseers, or other Person or Persons having so contracted with the said Guardians on the Behalf of any of such Poor, together with the Charges of every such Distress, and for Want of such Distress, by like Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any such one Justice, to apprehend, and thereby to commit every such Churchwarden and Overseer, or other such contracting Person, to the common Goal of the proper City or County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until all such Arrears and Sums of Money, with the Charges attending any of such Proceedings aforesaid, to be ascertained by any such Justice, shall be fully paid and satisfied to the said Guardians, or compounded for; which Composition, the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, are hereby empowered to make.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Bastard born on the Body of any poor Woman, whose legal Settlement is in any of the Parishes intended to be incorporated within this Act, other than such Parish in which the said House of Industry is or shall be situate, or

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in any of the Parishes, Townships, or Places only with the Overseers of the Poor whereof the said Guardians shall at any Time contract for the Maintenance of the Poor thereof, under the Powers given by this Act, and who is under the Care and Government of the said Guardians for the Time being, shall gain or be intitled to any Settlement in the Parish, in which the said House of Industry is situate, and where such Bastard shall be born, unless the same shall happen in the proper Parish, where the Settlement of the Mother shall then be; but that the Settlement of each such Bastard shall follow that of the Mother, as fully as if such Bastard had been born in such Parish, Township, or Place, to which the Settlement of such Mother shall belong, and shall be deemed as one of the Poor thereof by the said Guardians, and to every other Intent and Purpose; with Power nevertheless, and that it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of every such Parish, Township, or Place, to which the Settlement of every such Woman shall belong, to have and take, and they are hereby intitled to have such Remedy against the Mother and the Father of any such Bastard respectively, for the indemnifying the same Parish, Township, or Place, by reason of such Bastard Child and otherwise in all Respects, as the Law directs
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in the Case of Bastards, and as fully as if such Bastard had been actually born in the Parish, Township, or Place, to which the Mother's Settlement shall so belong : And also, that any two or more of the said Guardians, being Justices of the Peace, shall and may, and have hereby Authority, at the End of one Calendar Month from the Time any such Woman shall be so delivered of any Bastard, and at any Time after she shall have declared on Oath, as the Law in such Cases directs, who is the Father of such Child, in case he shall be one of the Poor under the Care of the said Guardians, to set and inflict such reasonable Punishment on such Mother and such Father, either by Whipping, Confinement, or Hard Labour, or by distinguishing him or her with some Badge or Token of the Offence, to be fixed on the most conspicuous Part of his or her outside Garment, as the said Guardians, being Justices of the Peace, shall think fit and proper.

Provided also, and be it further Enacted, For applying the Surplus of the Poor's Earnings.
by the Authority aforesaid, That in case it shall ever hereafter happen, that by Reason of the Employment and Industry of the Poor of the said several Parishes in the said City of Oxford, by Virtue of the Powers hereby given, there shall be made and result such Benefit, Profit, and Increase, from the Labour and Industry of such Poor (of

which the said Guardians shall wholly judge and determine) as will at and for any certain Time to come, not less than one Year, be more than sufficient to maintain and employ all such Poor, and to answer the Purposes of the said Corporation; then and so often and for such Time as the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall find there shall be such clear Benefit, Profit, and Increase, there shall not be any Sums of Money rated or collected in the said several Parishes, for the Use of the said Corporation, or the Poor under the Government thereof, by Virtue of any Precept from the said Guardians or otherwise: And that all such Benefit, Profit and Increase, so from Time to Time to arise, shall be, and is hereby vested in the said Guardians, with Power to place all such Surplusage of Profit at Interest, or to lay out the same in the Purchase of Lands of Inheritance, and again to call in and assign, and to alienate any such Lands, or otherwise to manage the same, for the future Maintenance and Employ of the Poor of the said several Parishes, and the Uses of the said Corporation, as they shall from Time to Time think most proper.

Recovery
of Penalties,

And it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures, inflicted, directed, and

and made payable to the Use of the said Corporation, as herein is and are mentioned and expressed (except in such Cases where it is hereby otherwise ordered) and also all other such pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures whatsoever herein mentioned, or which shall be inflicted and appointed by any Bye-Law or Ordinance to be made by the said Corporation, pursuant to the Powers hereby given, shall and may be severally recovered, and are hereby directed and empowered to be severally recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Person having incurred any such Forfeitures, and so offending, by Virtue of a Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City of *Oxford*; together with the Costs of Distress to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, who are hereby severally empowered, and are hereby so required, upon the Application of any Person by Order of the said Guardians, or of any other Person claiming such Penalty or any Part thereof, to issue and grant such Warrant or Warrants; and in case such sufficient Distress shall not be found, then it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the said City, by Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands upon the like Application, to apprehend any such Offender or

Offenders in the said City of *Oxford*, or in any other County or Place in *Great-Britain*, although out of the original Jurisdiction of such Justice or Justices: And by Virtue of such Warrant, and by Words in the Body thereof, to commit, and to direct such Offender or Offenders to be committed when so apprehended to the Common Goal of the City, County, or Place, wherein he, she, or they, shall be so apprehended, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Space of Time as the said Justice or Justices, by such Warrant shall appoint, not exceeding six nor less than three calendar Months, unless he or they shall sooner pay such Penalty or Forfeitures, with all the Charges attending the Proceedings against him or them, to be ascertained by any one Justice of the said City: And such of the aforesaid Penalties and Forfeitures as shall be so recovered for the Use of the said Corporation, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Corporation, or to some other Person for the Use of the said Corporation, as the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall appoint.

and Appli-
cation.

Expences
of this Act
to be first
paid.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Charges and Expences incurred in and about procuring and passing this Act, shall be paid out of the first

first Monies which shall arise by Virtue of this Act.

Provided always, and it is hereby further This Act not to vary the Limits of the Parishes.
Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act or any Thing herein contained, shall not vary, alter, or affect the Limits or Jurisdiction of any of the said several Parishes in the said City of *Oxford*; or to unite or affect the same in any Manner further or otherwise than is mentioned and expressed in and by this Act: And that the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of and in each of the said several Parishes, shall be chosen in and out of each of the said several Parishes, from Time to Time, as the Law now directs; but that they and every of them, when so chosen, shall act and be subservient in all Respects in Manner herein directed, and pursuant to the Powers and Authorities hereby given and enacted.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Distress Distress not to be deemed unlawful. and Sale shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money directed to be levied, or any Person or Persons shall be arrested, or apprehended and committed, by Force of this Act, or by Virtue of any Clause therein contained, or by or in Consequence of any Power hereby given, from the Beginning

ning to the End hereof, either to the said Corporation, or to the said Commissioners, or to any Justice or Justices of the Peace or otherwise howsoever ; no such Distress, Sale, Arrest, or Commitment, shall be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making or doing the same respectively, be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on Account of, or by Reason of any Defect or want of Form, or other Irregularity, in any Summons, Conviction, Order, Warrant, or other Proceeding or Proceedings whatsoever, relating to, or concerning any such Distress, Sale, Arrest, or Commitment ; nor shall the Party or Parties making or doing the same Distress, Sale, Arrest, or Commitment respectively, be deemed or construed a Trespasser or Trespassers, *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done or transacted in any such Case by him or them ; but the Person or Persons aggrieved by any such Irregularity, shall and may recover Satisfaction for the Special Damages only, and shall have no more Costs than Damages in an Action upon the Case.

Proceed-
ings not to
be quashed
for want of
Form.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted,
by the Authority aforesaid, That no Order
made touching or concerning any of the
Matters in this Act contained, or any other
Proceedings

Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Part thereof, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form only, or be removed or removable, by Certiorari or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of his Majesty's Courts of Record whatsoever, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done or to be done in Pursuance of this Act, or any Clause, Power, or Thing herein contained, from the Beginning to the End thereof, until after ten Days Notice thereof in Writing, signed by the Party aggrieved, shall be given to the Treasurer or the Clerk of the said Corporation, or to the Treasurer or Clerk of the said Guardians for the Time being, under whose Power or Authority the Grievance shall have most immediately arisen; nor after a sufficient Satisfaction or a Tender thereof, hath been made to the Party or Parties so alledging him, her, or themselves to be aggrieved; nor after six Calendar Months next following such Grievance, and the Fact committed: And every such Action shall be laid in the County of Oxford, and be tried in the said County, and
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of Actions.

not elsewhere : And the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit shall and may plead at his Election specially, or the General Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon ; and that the same was done in Pursuance of this Act, and by Force of some or one of the Powers and Authorities hereby given : And if the same shall appear to be so done, or that such Action or Suit shall be brought before ten Days Notice had been thereof given as aforesaid, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid ; or after the Time limited for bringing the same as aforesaid, or shall be brought or tried in any other County than as aforesaid ; then the Jury in any such Case shall find for the Defendant or the Defendants : And upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be non-suited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared ; or if upon Demurrer, Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ; then the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover treble Costs, and have such Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law.

And

And be it Enacted, by the Authority a-^{Publick}
 foresaid, That this Act and every Thing ^{Act.}
 herein contained shall be deemed, adjudged,
 and taken to be a public Act, and shall be
 judicially taken Notice of as such, by all
 Judges, Justices, and other Persons what-
 soever, without specially pleading the same.

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1772 - The House of Industry
 under the old arch - was established
 - in what is now Wellington
 Square. The site cost £48.16.6
 the building cost 4813.5.8
 the furniture 387.14.11
 cost £484.12.11
 & paid 261. 306
 £5555.17.1.

the site &c was purchased in
 by the University from Cardinal Newman
 who had bought from the Guardians
 for £

in 1844 the great action of Sister
 College v. Hunt as to liability & Poor
 Rate was tried at the Exchequer in July
 & the College won.

Subsequently the disputes about poor
 rate were referred to Mr Bouverie Esq.
 Chairman of Committee in House of Com-
 & the present act of 1854 was the
 result of the arbitration.

Ch. Ch. was added to the Incorp.
 in 1863 & sent 2 Guardians to
 the R.C.